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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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29/11/2013: Robert, DL7VOA plans activity from Toubab Dialaw, Senegal, as 6V7D between 29th November and 7th December 2013. QRV mainly on CW, with some SSB, 40-10m. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Note: 6V7D was previously active by a Russian team in March 2011. [DX World]

29/11/2013: Keith, G3TTC, is currently active as D44TUE, holiday style on the HF bands, from Sao Vicente Island (AF-086, WLOTA 1976 until 30 November, 2013. After this activation Keith will travel to Sao Tiago Island (AF-005, WLOTA 0158) and be QRV on 1st and 2nd December. He has antennas for 20m and 17m. Suggested frequencies: 14260 and 18128 kHz (+/-). QSL via his home callsign, direct or bureau. Website: www.qrz.com/db/G3TTC [rsgbiota.org]

29/11/2013: Andrew, M6ADB, plans to activate a new WWFF area on 29th November 2013. Look out for M6ADB/p from Salisbury Plain (GFF-281, WAB SU14) on 40m/20m between 8:00 and 10:00 UTC. If conditions permit, he will also activate the higher HF bands. QSL via M6ADB, direct or bureau. [DXNL]

29/11/2013: Mats, SM6LRR (RM2D), plans holiday style activity as XV2LRR from Phan Thiet, Vietnam, between 29 November and 14 December 2013. He will be QRV mainly on 40-10 metre CW and SSB. Online logsearch will be hosted by Club Log. QSL via LoTW ONLY. Website: www.qrz.com/db/XV2LRR [DXAT]

30/11/2013: Look for Christophe, ON6ZQ, to be signing EA8/ON6ZQ/p from Isla de Gran Canaria (DIE S-005, WLOTA 0969, WWFF EAFF-078), Canary Islands (AF-004), between 30th November and 7th December, 2013. QRV holiday style on the HF bands, propagation allowing. QSL direct or bureau to his home call. Website: www.on6zq.be/ [rsgbiota.org]

01/12/2013: Daniel, DM3DA, will be in Naturpark Eifel (WWFF DLFF-003) from 1-5 December 2013 and operate on the HF bands. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [DXNL]

01/12/2013: 5th St. Lucia Buddies in the Caribbean Suitcase DXpedition): Eight operators, some of whom have never experienced the 'other side' of a pileup, will be operating from Chateau Devaux on the NE side of the island of St. Lucia (NA-108, WLOTA 1336) between 1-9 December 2013. They will operate QRP to 100-watt radio stations using backpackable Buddipole antennas to make contacts from the villa, the surrounding mountains, and (of course) from St. Lucia's superb beaches. The eight operators are Jerry N9AW, Craig NM4T, John W5EXJ, Joe K3JDB, Rick AA4W, Jim W4QO, Chris W6HFP, and Budd W3FF (J68FF). Ops will preface their own calls with 'J6/'. Team members will operate several CW, SSB, and/or Digital Mode stations on 160-10 metres from the villa while others make contacts with portable set-ups from other J6 locations. QSO confirmation and QSLs will be available via LoTW, bureau or direct via information on each operator's www.QRZ.com page. [OPDX Bulletin]

01/12/2013: Erik, LA2US, is returning to Bear island (EU-027) as JW2US for a 6 months period - December 2013 through May 2014. Again, this is not a Dxpedition - Erik will be on the air as time and work schedule permit. Last time

he worked 80% SSB - this time he will mostly work CW. Rig: FTDX5000MP + Carolina Windom 80m-10m. QSL via LA2US, LoTW, eQSL or direct with SAE + stamped IRC / $3. QSL via bureau will be answered after June 2014. Website: www.qrz.com/db/LA2US [DX World]

01/12/2013: Aki, JA1NLX, plans activity as P29VNX from Lissenung Island, New Ireland, Bismark Archipelago (IOTA OC-008) between 1-6th December, 2013. He will be QRV on 30-10 meter CW, SSB, and RTTY; but mainly CW. QSL via JA1NLX - SASE or OQRS (Direct or Bureau). Do not send your QSL via Bureau. Website: www.asahi-net.or.jp/~yy7a-ysd/P29VNX-2013.htm [NG3K]

01/12/2013: Alex, RD1AV - Chief of the base and radio operator in 2014, will be active again as RI1ANC between 1 December 2013 and 1 February 2015 from Vostok Base (AA U-10, WAP RUS-13, IOTA AN-016, WWFF RFF-168), Wilkes Land, Antarctica. QRV on all bands using CW, SSB and Digi-modes. QSL via RN1ON, bureau or direct - Online Log at: www.clublog.org/charts/?c=RI1ANC [DX World]

01/12/2013: Mike, RW1AI, will be active as RI1ANT from Mirny Station (WAP RUS-07, WWFF RFF-160), Antarctica, from December 2013 through February 2015. QSL via RW1AI, direct or bureau. Logsearch can be found at: www.qsl.net/ua1ake/logs/ [425 DX News]

01/12/2013: Curt, N0OK, will be active holiday style from Grand Cayman Island (NA-016, WLOTA 1042) as ZF2OK between 1-8th December, 2013. He plans to be QRV mostly using the Digi-modes. QSL via N0OK and LoTW. [DX World]

02/12/2013: Cambridge University Wireless Society (G6UW) members Terry G3VFC, Martin G3ZAY, Dom M0BLF, Rob M0VFC and Gavin M1BXF will be operating as ZD8UW from Green Mountain, Ascension Island (AF-003, WLOTA 1491) between 2-6 December, 2013. They plan to be active on 40m-10m, mainly SSB and CW, operating with Elecraft K3s. The team will not have internet access at the QTH, but logs should be uploaded roughly daily to Clublog. QSL via M0OXO. Website: www.g6uw.org/dxpeditions/zd8uw [DXAT]

03/12/2013: Jim, F5MCC, will be FM/F5MCC from the island of Martinique (NA-107, WLOTA 1041) from 3-21 December, 2013. Plans are to be QRV on 40-10 metre CW and SSB. Jim also plans to activate the 4 lighthouses on the island. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [DxCoffee]

04/12/2013: A group of operators (TBA) will join Tim, NL8F, who is currently operating as T32TM from Christmas Island (OC-024), Republic of Kiribati, on the 4th of December, 2013. The team, along with Tim, will then operate using the callsign T32RC until 11th December. In honor of the Russian Robinson Club's twentieth anniversary the T32RRC call sign was obtained for this DXpedition. They will be QRV on 160-10 metre CW, SSB and RTTY, with one station running 24/7. The team will also participate in the ARRL 160 meter Contest (6-8 December). QSL via N7RO, Club Log OQRS preferred; also direct, bureau and LoTW. No eQSL. Further details and updates can be found at: www.t32-2013.com/ [DX World]

04/12/2013: Haru, JA1XGI will be active as V63XG from Weno Island, Chuuk Islands (OC-011, WW Loc. QJ57WJ), Micronesia, between 4-12th December, 2013. He will be QRV on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY, with a focus on Europe on the low bands. He will participate in the ARRL 160 Meter Contest (6-8 December). QSL via home call, direct or bureau (logsearch and OQRS on Clublog). Further information at: island.geocities.jp/v63xg/index.htm [425 DX News]

05/12/2013: Kenji, JA4GXS, plans to activate Hateruma Island (AS-024, WLOTA 0497) as JA4GXS/6 on 5th and 6th December, 2013. Hateruma-shima is an island in

the Yaeyama District of Okinawa Prefecture, Japan. Activity is planned for 40/30/20/17/15m CW and SSB. After this activation, Kenji will travel to Yonaguni Island (AS-024, WLOTA 1035) and be QRV on 8th and 9th December. Hateruma-shima and Yonaguni-jima are islands in the Yaeyama District of Okinawa Prefecture, Japan. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

06/12/2013: Look for Jeff K8ND to be active as PJ2T from the Signal Point contest station, Curacao Island (SA-099, WLOTA 0942) during the ARRL 160-Meter Contest (6-8 December). Plans are for a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL goes via W3HNK. [CCC]

06/12/2013: Fabio, PP5BZ, will be activating Santana de Fora Island (SA-088, DIB SC-10), in Imbituba/SC, between 6-9th December 2013 using the callsign ZW5W. It will be a Mini-DXpedition! Fabio will use some days of his holidays to make some contacts and to pass time on a few different days. QRV on 80-10 metre CW and SSB, possibly some RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau - please NO eQSL. Website: www.qrz.com/db/ZW5W [PP5BZ]

LOOKING AHEAD -

08/12/2013: Look for special event station 8J6HAM to be aired between 8th December 2013 and 2nd March 2014, on all bands and modes, for the 13th West Japan Ham Fair, island of Kyushu (AS-077, WLOTA 0963), Japan. QSL via the bureau is preferred. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

11/12/2013: Scott, K7ZO, will once again sign YN5Z from San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, between 11-18th December 2013 on 20-10 metres, using spiderbeaam. He will also participate in the ARRL 10-Meter Contest (14-15 December). QSL YN5Z via K7ZO and LoTW. [NG3K]

20/12/2013: Scouts from TIF Turkish Scouting and Guiding Federation will be active once again as TC9SAM between 20-25 December 2013 for the Scouts paying respect to Allahuekber Martyrs. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Website: www.tcswat.org/ [TCSWAT]

01/01/2014: Special callsign 8J7T will be active on all bands and modes during the entire year of 2014. Activity is to celebrate the Birth of Takizawa-city (JCC #0316), Iwate prefecture, Tohoku region, island of Honshu (AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. New JCC Takizawa city, IWATE (JCC 0316) will be established on 1 January, 2014. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

02/01/2014: Look for Uwe, DL9NDS and Ewald, DJ2BQ to once again be active from Omaruru, Namibia, as V5/homecalls between 2-18 January, 2014. QRV on the HF, all modes. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. Club Log will be available for V5/DJ2BQ and online log for V5/DL9NDS will be available on Uwe's website at: www.dl9nds.de/ [DX World]

22/02/2014: Thomas, AA9A, will once again be active as PJ7AA from the island of Sint Maarten (NA-105, WLOTA 0711) between 22 February and 16 March 2014. QRV on all bands and modes. QSL via home call, direct and LoTW. [NG3K]

25/02/2014: John, KF0RQ, will return to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on a DX vacation between 25 February and 21 March 2014, using the callsign XU7ACQ. QRV on 40-10m SSB, PSK31 and RTTY. QSL via KF0RQ. Online log is hosted by Club Log. [DX World]

SPECIAL EVENTS -

29/11/2013: HF65SOLDEK operates on all bands and modes (HF to VHF) until the end of November commemorating the freighter Soldek, the first ship to be built in Poland after WWII. QSL via SP4YZW or SP2BME. Website: www.qrz.com/HF65SOLDEK

[DXNL]

29/11/2013: The special event station SN18PPM will operate from the lowest geographical location in Poland (1.8m below sea level) between 29 November and 2 December 2013. QSL via SP4EOO. [DXNL]

29/11/2013: The South Pacific Contest Club (VK3HF) is currently activating the special event station VK2013TDF until the end of the year 2013 to commemorates the Tour de Freedom cycling event being held between Esperance and Perth. QSL via M0OXO OQRS. Wesbite: www.southpacificcontestclub.com/ [ARRL DX News]

01/12/2013: Special event station DM50PCK celebrates 50 years of amateur radio in Schwedt and also 50 years of the Russian Druzbha pipeline network terminating in Schwedt. QRV from 1 December 2013 until the end of November 2014. The local club also issues an award during that time. QSL via bureau, eQSL. Website and award information at: www.dl0pck.onpw.de/ [DXNL]

01/12/2013: The Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) is going to remember Saint Mihail Voin during the entire month of December with the special callsign LZ867MWB. This callsign is valid for the All Bulgarian Saints Award 2013 (www.balkanclub.org/awards.htm) and is also worth 10 points towards the St. Teodosii Tyrnovski Award. QSL via LZ1KCP, direct or bureau. [LZ1KCP]

01/12/2013: The special event callsign R0000O (symoblising the Olympic rings) will be on the air, all bands and modes, in the context of the 2014 Winter Olympic Games and 2014 Paralympic Games. QRV from 1 December 2013 until 31 March 2014. QSL via UA1OJL, LoTW, eQSL. Websites: ok2014.ru/ and www.sochi2014.com/en/games/legal/ [DXNL]

01/12/2013: Special event station RL110RAEM will be active on all bands and modes between 1-31 December 2013 in the memory of 110 years of Ernst Krenkel (RAEM). QSL Manager is RK3AW. QSL is OK via bureau, eQSL, direct (please no "green stamps" - new style IRC's only). Sorry no LoTW. [K1XN]

01/12/2013: Special Ukrainian stations EM110RAEM (QSL via UT7UT), EN110RAEM (QSL via UT5UIA) and EO110RAEM (QSL via US5ID) will be active on 1-31st December 2013 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Birth of Ernst T. Krenkel (RAEM). [425 DX News]

03/12/2013: The RSGB centenary celebrations will finish off the year by airing the special callsign GI100RSGB from Northern Ireland (EU-115, WLOTA 1439). Activity will be on all bands and modes from 3-31 December 2013. QSL info can be found at: www.rsgb.org/ [RSGB]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

30/11-07/12 EA8/ON6ZQ/P: Isla de Gran Canaria WLOTA:0969 QSL H/c (d/B)
01/12-02/12 D44TUE: Ilha de Sao Tiago WLOTA:0158 QSL G3TTC (d/B)
01/12-31/12 GX4BJC /A: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL QRZ.com
01/12-09/12 J6/AA4W: Sta. Lucia Island WLOTA:1336 QSL H/c (d/B)
01/12-09/12 J6/K3JDB: Sta. Lucia Island WLOTA:1336 QSL H/c (d/B)
01/12-09/12 J6/N9AW: Sta. Lucia Island WLOTA:1336 QSL H/c LoTW/(d)
01/12-09/12 J6/NM4T: Sta. Lucia Island WLOTA:1336 QSL H/c (d/B)
01/12-09/12 J6/W4QO: Sta. Lucia Island WLOTA:1336 QSL H/c (d/B)
01/12-09/12 J6/W5EXJ: Sta. Lucia Island WLOTA:1336 QSL H/c (d/B)
01/12-09/12 J6/W6HFP: Sta. Lucia Island WLOTA:1336 QSL H/c (d/B)
01/12-09/12 J68FF: Sta. Lucia Island WLOTA:1336 QSL W3FF (d/B)
01/12-31/12 MX1SWL /A: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL QRZ.com

01/12-08/12 ZF2OK: Grand Cayman Island WLOTA:1042 QSL N0OK (d/LoTW)
02/12-06/12 ZD8UW: Ascension Island WLOTA:1491 QSL M0OXO OQRS
03/12-21/12 FM/F5MCC: Martinique Island WLOTA:1041 QSL H/c (B)
03/12-31/12 GI100RSGB: Northern Ireland WLOTA:1439 QSL ClubLog OQRS
05/12-06/12 JA4GXS/6: Hateruma Shima WLOTA:0497 QSL H/c (d/B)
06/12-08/12 PJ2T: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL W3HNK (d)

6 METRES & UP -

03/12 LY 144MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
03/12 NRAU 144MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
03/12 RSGB 144MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
04/12 MOON Contest 144MHz CW/Digital/FM/SSB 1900z-2100z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_dec.html

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

QSL INFO -

QSL Status CY0P -
The team has received QSLs from the printer. They will now proceed to deal with requests via PayPal first, and then answering direct cards, see also qrz.com.

QSL information for K2QXI/KH0 -
The QSL information for K2QXI/KH0 is via JJ2QXI.
I will accept SASE/SAE + sufficient postage/IRC/GSs, via Buro and via email. For details, please see K2QXI on the QRZ.com
73 es good DX,
de JJ2QXI/K2QXI/Mack

QSLs via Bureau: 5H2DK, A25NW, CR2T, CT9/DJ5KW, CU7MD, DR1A, IY7MD, LZ2BHB, NH7A, OH5SM, OL7C, PJ7E, S5300TP, SV8/IZ4JMA, T5TC, TA1DX, TM0BI, UA9QCZ, and YI1RZ.

QSLs via Direct: E51AAR (K7AR OQRS), T46C [NA-204] (EA5GL), Z21DXI (SP5UAF OQRS) and ZS8C (ZR6CWI).

QSLs via LoTW: AA6PW, AD1T, G8G, K6Z, LU1DK, N6XG, VA3DDX, W6OAT and WZ1R.

BITS & PIECES -

INTERNATIONAL SHORTWAVE LEAGUE (I.S.W.L.) -
The ISWL Club Callsigns in use throughout the month of December 2013 are:
GX4BJC /A - Operated from Near Bude in Cornwall, by Mike M0SMJ. (/A WAB Square = SS20 - England, IOTA = EU-005).
MX1SWL /A - Operated from Walton on the Naze, in Essex, by Herbie - G6XOU. (/A WAB Square = TM22 - England, IOTA = EU-005 and WLOTA = LH-1841).
ALL QSL's for BOTH Calls will be handled by Herbie G6XOU and NOT the individual Operator.
The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club.
All QSL Info is on www.iswl.org.uk/ or www.qrz.com/ or via www.eQSL.cc/ NO LOTW.
I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWL's - see www.iswl.org.uk/ for full details. eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for our awards.

Very best wishes to all,
Pete Rayer, ISWL Life Vice President, Bournemouth, UK. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

Juba, South Sudan
25-NOV-2013
LIFE IS GOOD IN SOUTH SUDAN AFTER CONTEST WEEKEND
Now that the CQWW CW contest is over, life is getting back to normal in this African Republic. The two local hosts, Z81B and Z81D, have embarked on trips abroad, leaving the Missionary team in charge of wrapping up their duties before heading home tomorrow Tuesday.
As a thunderstorm hit the area yesterday at dawn, there went their beverages for the night. The wires were running outside the guarded area and thus there was no way to repair them last night. Apologies for last night with no RX antennas and with high atmospheric noise which left many calling in vain... So, with a fresh mind the team has now repaired the western beverage and will reappear tonight still with three stations -160, 80 and 30M.
The contest effort on four bands resulted in 9000 QSOs. Kindly follow the individual QRZ.com sites for Z81R and Z81Z for further QSLing instructions. The plan is to have ClubLog updated before 0000 UTC tonight.
The team is healthy and in high spirits but also looking forward to returning home for a reunion with their dear ones ahead of a well deserved Christmas Season.
The team will depart tomorrow at 1500 UTC flying to Nairobi, Kenya and back to Europe. Diya, Z81D is left with an 80M vertical plus a new FTdx3000 and Acom 1000 to boost his activity on all bands but specifically on 80M. DX will be plentiful from South Sudan.
Martti Laine, OH2BH

JW, SVALBARD -
Message from Alex, PY2SEX - If everything runs ok, I will be operating from Svalbard (EU-026) during Xmas (24th and 25th December). I will try to cover all HF bands mainly on CW as well as 6m (WW Loc. JQ78TF).
Now in Svalbard there is no daylight until the end of January, thus I believe that low bands will be easier to make some DX; of course if no Aurora comes up. I'm going exactly to watch the Aurora, spending 7 days there but only 2 dedicated to radio, so if Aurora happens and no QSOs, I will be happy anyway, radio comes after that! I don?t know if there is internet connection, anyway I will upload the logs to Club Log and LoTW as soon as possible. Call sign could be JW/DL1NX | JW/PY2SEX or JW????. I'm still trying get information with LA operators - if there?s anyone with infos about getting a call sign there I do appreciate that. QSL card via DL1NX with SAE and a valid IRC or 2 green stamps. [DX World]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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North American Checkpoint For:
World Lighthouses On The Air - WLOTA
www.wlota.com/
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Canadian Checkpoint For:
All Croatian Islands Award - ACIA
All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG

The World Lighthouse Diplom - TWLHD/TWLHF
www.9a7k.com/
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Official Representative & Co-Ordinator of WCA program for Canada.
www.wcagroup.org/ENG/main.html
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Official Representative & Co-Ordinator of WorldWide Flora & Fauna (WWFF) Canada.
WWFF-council-member (representing VEFF).
www.wwff.co/
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